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SUBJECT: STATE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT UNEVENTFUL

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1. FEB. 4 STATE OPENING OF SECOND SESSION OF KENYA'S THIRD PARLI-
AMENT PASSED UNEVENTFULLY, WITH MOST OF SESSION DEVOTED TO
PRESIDENT KENYATTA'S ROUTINE SPECH HIGHLIGHTING GOK'S
FUTURE PROGRAM. PRESIDENT MADE NO REFERENCE TO NOV. 6,
1974, PROROGUING OF PARLIAMENT (REFTEL).

2. KENYATTA'S REMARKS ON ECONOMY WERE RATHER GENERAL,
STRESSSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT AND MINIMIZING
PROBLEMS SUCH AS KENYA'S LARGE BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS DEFICIT.
HE DID NOTE THAT FORTHCOMING SESSIONAL PAPER WOULD OUTLINE
POLICIES FOR DEALING WITH NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF CURRENT
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ECONOMIC SITUATION AND WOULD INCLUDE QTE FINANCIAL AND

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TRADING ADJUSTMENTS UNQTE. KEY TO GOK'S RESPONSE TO
WORLD ECONOMIC CRISIS WILL BE EXPANISON OF DOMESTIC PRO-
DUCTION, PARTICULARLY IN AGRICULTURE. KENYATTA TALKED
OF NEW CREDIT SYSTEM WHICH WILL DISPOSE OF 3 MILLION
POUNDS (U.S. DOLLARS 8.4 MILLION) TO HELP EXPAND OUTPUT
OF STAPLE FOODS LIKE WHEAT AND MAIZE AND TO DIVERSIFY
PRODUCTION ON COOPERATIVE FARMS. AMONG OTHER ECONOMIC
PLANS MENTIONED WERE: RESETTLEMENT SCHEMES; NEW IRRIGA-
TION PROJECTS TO FOLLOW UPCOMING STUDY ON AIRD LANDS;
BETTER MARKETING ARRANGEMENTS FOR CATTLE; ADDITIONAL CONTROLS
ON ESTABLISHMENT OF INDUSTRIES; MORE INCENTIVES TO EXPORT;
MORE OIL EXPLORATION; AND REVIEW OF TREATY FOR EAST AFRICAN
COOPERATION TO ENSURE SMOOTH RUNNING OF ALL INSTITUTIONS,
CORPORATIONS, AND COMMON SERVICES.

3. COMMENT: STILL TO BE RESOLVED IS THE PROBLEM OF THE
DEPUTY SPEAKERSHIP THAT PROVOKED THE NOV. PROROGUING.
SERONEY, THE MP PREVIOUSLY REGARDED AS AN UNACCEPTABLE
CANDIDATE BY THE GOVT., NOW CLAIMS TO HAVE BURIED HIS
DIFFERENCES WITH VP MOI AND TO HAVE LATTER'S SUPPORT IN
HIS BID FOR THE POST. EVEN IF TRUE, HOWEVER, THIS DOES
NOT ASSURE KENYAITA'S ACQUIESENCE. IT ALSO REMAINS TO BE
SEEN IF THE BACKBENCHERS WILL CARRY OUT THEIR THREAT TO
DEBATE SUCH SENSITIVE ISSUES AS CORRUPTION AND LARGE-SCALE
LAND HOLDINGS, A DEBATE THAT COULD EASILY PROVOKE THE
PRESIDENT INTO TAKING FURTHER ACTION AGAINST PARLIAMENT.
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